



# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

## FORESTER CHIEF

Job Number: 20001484

Job Code: 72240V161016

Job Group: 7200 - FORESTRY

Job Established: 06/16/1982

Job Revised: 10/16/2016

Grade: 14 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$18,075-\$23,944 - Hourly

\$2,937.20-\$3,890.90 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$3,133.00-\$4,150.30 - 40 Hr. Monthly Salary

Special Entrance Rate:

NONE

NONE

NONE

### PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

This job has an initial and promotional probationary period of 12 months. For additional information refer to: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/101/001/325.htm>.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JOB:** *Characteristics of a job are general statements indicating the level of responsibility and discretion of positions in that job classification. These are not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Supervises foresters and forest rangers in the implementation of forestry programs. Plans and supervises the activities of foresters and/or forest rangers in the implementation of forestry programs; performs professional forestry work; and performs other duties as required.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

#### **EDUCATION:**

Graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in forestry.

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

Must have three years of professional forestry experience.

#### **Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:**

Graduate study in forestry will substitute for the experience on a year-for-year basis not to exceed two years.

#### **Substitute EXPERIENCE for EDUCATION:**

NONE

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (AGE, LICENSURE, REGULATION, ETC.):**

Must possess a valid driver's license prior to appointment in this classification. Must maintain any required licensure(s), certification(s), or other credentials for the length of employment in this classification. Employing agency is responsible for ensuring employee possesses and maintains required licensure(s), certification(s) or other credentials.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB CLASSIFICATION:** *Examples of duties or responsibilities are not to be construed as describing what the duties or responsibilities of any position shall be and are not to be construed as limiting the appointing authority's ability to assign, or otherwise alter the duties and responsibilities of a position. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Supervises foresters and forest rangers in the implementation of forestry programs. Performs technical forestry work including preliminary examinations of woodlands, marking timber for harvest and timber stand improvement, and measuring and tallying timber during timber marking jobs. Coordinates regional workload for foresters including data entry of accomplishments and GIS mapping of forested tracts. Prepares forest management plans. Completes and reviews Kentucky accomplishment reports. Conducts forestry education classes. Develops programs for training. Assists in planning regional budget. Interprets aerial photographs, topographical maps, GIS maps and soil surveys. Provides forestry technical assistance to landowners, loggers, timber buyers, sawmill operators, and communities. Supervises and assists in fire suppression activities. Interprets departmental policies and procedures. Compiles and collects tree seedling orders. Compiles tree seedling inventory. Serves as regional forester in his/her absence. Maintains and repairs assigned equipment. Enforces the forestry laws of Kentucky. Serves on mobilization team during wildfire emergencies and assists in wildfire suppression if needed.

**UNIQUE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Extreme physical effort is required when suppressing wildfires. The ability to walk on steep slopes, use fire hand tools, and occasionally work long hours is needed.

**TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS:** *Incumbents in the job will typically perform their job duties under these conditions.*

Work is typically performed outdoors on private forest lands. Work can be under adverse conditions due to weather, topography, or when suppressing wildfires. Work also involves frequent contact with citizens and organizations in the promotion of forestry programs.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Upon appointment, employees in this class may be required to maintain a valid driver's license and required to drive a licensed vehicle. This status may be necessary for the length of time in this class. If this is necessary it will be listed in the specific position description for that position. Applicants and employees in this job title maybe required to submit to a drug screening test and background check. Applicants and employees in positions which perform job duties that may require contact with offenders in the custody or supervision of the Department of Corrections or with youth in the care, custody, or supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice must meet qualifications pursuant to the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act, 28 C.F.R.115.17 and 115.317.

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